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FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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1) U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/220,068 (with drawings and a copy of an expurgated Amendment showing claim amendments), which corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-240063, cited at page 32 of the present application, published on September 7, 1999.

(2) Patent Abstracts of Japan, abstracting Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-240063, published on September 7, 1999.

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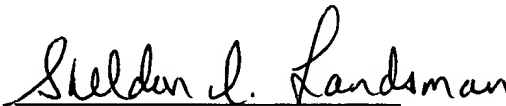
(3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-223291, published August 22, 1995, with a copy of an English language Patent Abstracts of Japan.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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